

THE OBSERVER.

NORWAY,
THURSDAY, MORNING, OCT. 3, 1827.

FACTA.—In the JEFFERSONIAN of the 26th ultmo, is a statement of some of the difficulties that have attended their establishment of late, in which the editor says he "simply states the facts," which we shall endeavor to correct.

The editor of the Jeffersonian says, that—

"Last winter after the removal of the Observer to Norway, several of the republicans of this place [Paris] were anxious that a paper, established upon democratic principles, should be published here."

Now, the truth of the case is, that there were some two or three persons who were not satisfied with the course pursued by the publisher of the Observer, for this plain reason: that he held the columns of that paper "open to all," which was given as a cause in the prospectus for the Jeffersonian, for establishing another paper, and we need not say, that this remark of theirs was perfectly congenial with the disposition that they have manifested whenever an opportunity presented. For the truth of this statement we appeal to gentlemen who have had occasion, in their business to come into contact with certain persons, who would like to rule the County.

The following is from Mr. Ashmun, Agent to the Board at

the distance of about

the discovery of the
republican civilization
of Africa, never till
conjectured that an
individual is now

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and absolutely necessary

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age to the people

of the County, and

the editor of the Jeffersonian further says,

that—

"Before the end of six months, he [Mr. Dingley] came forward and stated his inability to

meet his payments as they became due or to

continue the paper longer without assistance.

While attempts were making by individuals

to avert this difficulty for that purpose

an attachment was made at midnight and the

press and types removed to Norway, and

lodged in the office of the Oxford Observer."

As to the first part of the statement here

made, we do not know but that it may be

correct, and shall leave it for Mr. Dingley, the

publisher, to state; but we do know, that we

were called upon by a personal friend of Mr.

Dingley a few days before the attachment was

made, and informed, that these same gentle-

men were making "arrangements" to take the

press and types into their possession, for

some small debts due them from Mr. Dingley.

And this statement was corroborated by the

observations of one of the journeymen in the

office of the Jeffersonian, on the morning the

apparatus belonging to it was removed, that

"The Boston folks were a little to quick for you,

gentlemen!"

It is also true that the press and types were

removed to the office of the Observer, and,

The inhabitants of this place [Paris] who

felt an interest in the paper, being ignorant

of what had been done until the next morn-

ing, were prevented from receiving for the

paper.

We have no manner of doubt but that those

gentlemen "who felt an interest in the paper"

would have been pleased to have received

for the press and types, and then had the use

of them until January, at which time the writ

was returnable, and then had them sold on ex-

ecution, so that these gentlemen might have

purchased them at a low rate, thereby preven-

ting the Boston Creditors of Mr. Dingley from

receiving but a small part of their demand.

But being defeated in this, the editor of the

Jeffersonian now says,

"That the object intended to be effected

by this transaction was the destruction of this

paper, rather than the security of the debt."

And what is "confirmation strong" to him, is

that,

"The nominal editor of the Observer had

told a few days previous to the attachment

that the Jeffersonian would shortly be stop-

ped, and that another number would not be

printed."

Now, it is our candid opinion, that it would

not require a person to have a spirit of prop-
erty, or to be in possession of the black art, to

predict the downfall of a paper got up as was

the Jeffersonian, by a few choice spirits, who

have almost constantly been at variance am-

ong themselves, each wishing to occupy the

chief place in the synagogue, and supported by

about three hundred subscribers—and that

number fast decreasing.

We are willing to

leave it with our peers to say, whether there

is any thing like witchcraft in our making the

observations, which the editor of the Jeffer-

sonian attributes to us, taking into considera-

tion all these circumstances, and adding

thereto, our own knowledge of the publish-

er, being called upon for money, which as the

editor of the Jeffersonian says he could not

pay "without assistance."

And for ourselves we cannot see what

cause these gentlemen have to complain of us,

in this affair, when Mr. Dingley was the real

owner and proprietor of the paper, and that

he does not think our conduct unfair in this

case we refer to his statement of the transac-

tion published in another part of this paper.

And the Boston creditors of Mr. Dingley have

expressed their entire satisfaction in the pro-

ceedings, and they as well as we, were fully convinced that, it was not only the best, but the only course that could be taken in order to secure to them, the amount of the purchase money of the establishment. Therefore, if both parties are satisfied, what reason have these gentlemen to complain, unless we are right in our conjectures respecting their wishes, to get the press, &c into their possession, for much less than its original cost or just value.

We have a closing observation to make to the remark of the editor of the Jeffersonian, respecting the nominal editor of the Observer. We can inform him that the nominal editor of the Observer is and ever has been, the real editor, except for the term of twenty-three weeks, when we, and our readers, were blessed with the labors of the talented editor of the Jeffersonian, for which services, we have his receipt in full. Whether the fickle goddess will ever give us an opportunity of employing another equal to him, we know not, but if it should ever present itself, we should be willing to make almost any sacrifice to secure so great a favor.

LEAD MINES.—We have been informed that a lead ore has been found in Shelburne, N. H. of a quality much superior to that which is generally found in mines, which yield that which is considered good. We have seen a piece of it, which, if it is any thing like a fair specimen, would lead us to conjecture that it is very pure. We have not learnt that it has yet been examined sufficiently to ascertain the extent of its bed; but have been informed that it is supposed to be very abundant.

We have also conversed with a gentleman

of high respectability, who informed us that the lead mine owned by Hon. J. W. Ripley,

of Fryeburg, in Eaton, N. H. was very ex-

tensive, and that Doct. Webster, of Harvard

University, had visited it the present season,

and pronounced the ore to be of a superior

quality to that had ever come under his

observation.—Our readers will recollect that

Doct. Webster must be well qualified for a

judge in things of this kind, as he is Lecturer

of Chemistry in Harvard University.

ALL IS FAIR IN POLITICS.—This seems to be the motto of some of the choice spirits, who are opposed to our present National Government, and so far have some practised on it in Kentucky and Tennessee, that in the district, in the former State, heretofore represented by Mr. F. Johnson, in the Congress of the United States, that about two hundred and fifty persons who lived in the adjoining State of Tennessee, came to the polls at the recent election, and actually voted for Mr. Yancey, who by that means obtained a majority of ninety-nine votes. It is said that the election of Mr. Yancey will be contested. It will be recollect by our readers that Gen. JACKSON resides in Tennessee, and that Mr. Johnson is a firm supporter of the present Administration.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Judge Whit-

man closed the September Term of this Court

at Paris, last wedn., after a session of two

days.—There were about one hundred new

entries on the civil side of the docket. The

Grand Jury returned no bills, nor were any

complaints laid before them. Informations

were filed against seven towns in the County

for bad roads.

SAMUEL MOODY, Esq. was admitted at this

term to practise as an Attorney.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT, &c.—The Su-

preme Judicial will commence its October

Session in Paris, on Tuesday next. The

Court of Sessions will also be held at the

same time and place.

The Regiment of Militia commanded by

Col. SAMUEL H. KING, will parade for inspec-

tion and review, near Stowell's Mills on Mon-

day next.

COMMUNICATION.

FOR THE OXFORD OBSERVER.

To the Editor of the Jeffersonian.

Observing in your last paper, a repre-

sentation in reference to my late mis-

fortune, so much at variance from truth,

I deem it a duty I owe to myself as well

as others whom you would implicate, to take

some notice of your remarks.—

When I at first undertook the publica-

tion of the Jeffersonian, it was done at

the solicitation of those who pretended to

be my friends, who promised a good

list of Subscribers, and, if necessary, other aid—in which I am now compell-

ed to say, I have found myself imposed

upon.—While I have to acknowledge

the kindness of many good friends in the

County of Oxford, I feel myself fully

exonerated from any debt of gratitude

to the editor of the Jeffersonian, whom I

have been led to believe, was the chief

cause of my misfor-

tune.

You say truly, that "before the end

of six months I came forward and stated

my inability to meet my payments as

they became due or to continue the pa-

per longer without assistance." I did

so to those gentlemen, whose mis-

representations alone had reduced me

to the disagreeable and mortifying situa-

tion. And what return did I receive?

Poetry.

SELECTED FOR THE OBSERVER.
COLLECTION AT A TEA PARTY.

Ere the collection doth begin,
Some one invites her neighbors in,
To take with her a dish of Tea,
Made of the finest of bohea;
And when the Ladies thus have met,
Then just at night the table's set—
They gather round with decent care—
"Come, you're the oldest, you sit there,"
"Oh, that's no matter, sit down, do."
So after compliments are through,
Some one begins to talk—another
Strikes some notes above the other—
No one can hear a word they say,
Nor can they hear themselves; yet they
Keep on in this exulted tone
Together all, yet all alone.
The first has done, the next but half—
The first now thinks 'tis time to laugh,
And so begins, "Te he, Te he."
Another joins as loud as she,
But cannot give a reason why.
Tis better for to laugh than cry,
The laugh increases, till, however,
One strays above the rest, "I never,
I'm quite disengaged, I don't see
"You ever meant to visit me;
"My husband now is gone from home,
"So now I think you ought to come—
"You cry, the rest you owed before,
"We saw you last, two visits more,
"And you owe me, and you owe me."
So round it goes, yet none agree.
And when the long dispute is past,
Nothing concluded on at last,
It seems amazing strange to me,
They feel so well for drinking tea,
For if a foreigner should come,
He'd think they'd all been drinking rum.
A little child begins to cry;
"Whist!" says its mother, "give it pie;"
The rest come flocking and are fed
With pie, and cake, and gingerbread.
"Why?" says another, "keep away,
"Don't you know better, you should stay
"Till we are done."
The child, although,
Determines that he will not go;
"Well, stay here if you'll be still,"
The child won't promise that he will,
He sees the cake and layeth hold—
The mother now begins to scold,
The child don't care, but lets her tease,
And seizes at a plate of cheese.
"Do give me that, I will have some,
"The biggest piece, that lies here, mum,"
Now seeing he don't mind commands,
She seizes him and holds his hands,
And says to smooth the matter o'er,
"You never acted so before;
"My child's not well I certain know,
"If well he'd not have acted so."
Then some ironical complaint
Answers instead of a restraint.
Says one, "I thinks the time is come,"
"So," says the next, "we must go home."
And, as they gather round the door,
They turn up louder than before.
"When will you come, I am afraid
"My visit will not be repaid."
So all invite and all reply,
To visit soon they mean to try,
And flock off home in usual form,
And the next day comes on a storm.

VARIETY.

MARRIAGE.

I have often remarked the eagerness of all classes of people to read or hear the accounts of marriages. "So John has taken to himself a wife" (cries Sue). "Ah! there has been a wedding" (cries another). "Lackaday!" (exclaims an old lady) "so Betty has got a husband at last!" And each is anxious to know all the particulars; who married them; who was there; how the bride was dressed, and so on. On such occasions, I have particularly noticed, that the men seem to sympathize chiefly with the bridegroom, from the cause probably that each has been, or expects to be, in the same delicate and interesting situation. There is no circumstance in life half so interesting as that of entering into the holy bond of wedlock. A choice is made of a companion for life, for good or evil, for prosperity or adversity, for weal or woe, or, in the good old set terms of ceremonial, "for better or for worse." Then, too, the new clothes, the solemn ceremony, the wedding banquet, and the nameless delights appertaining thereto, mark this period of life beyond others. Looking forward through the kaleidoscope of hope, it presents to the young imagination an infinite variety of splendid and beautiful imagery, which charms like illusions of the Persian genii in the fairy tales. The young man hopes his turn may come; and I dare not sketch the picture his fancy draws. The girl, from budding fifteen, through blushing twenty, up to ripened womanhood, feels, as she hears the account of a wedding, a soft thrill, vibrating like the treble chord of a piano, through every nerve of her susceptible frame. Her bosom throbs quicker; she breathes with a hurried respiration, yet not painfully; no image that she need blush for ever casts its pensive form across her pure mind, yet she blushes; her eye brightens; her lips assume a deeper stain of strawberriey; she laughs, and wonders what ails her, or how she is interested. The old married people are differently affected; and yet they are affected. Memory is busily employed in brushing away the cobwebs of time (and that time is a very illustrious spider) from the picture of their nuptial bliss; the husband chuckles deary under the chin, and, instead of addressing himself to her as "Miss Maitie," or whatever her name be, calls her by her virgin name, "My dear Lucy Howard;" and she answers with a modest coquetry, that speaks most eloquently of the days gone by. Meanwhile, the old bachelor and old maid forget the curer is not big enough for them. The old bachelors, whom no one pities, but every body in turn laughs at as a lusty old bachelor, very probably recalls to remember one, who, in the days of youth,

reciprocated with him the tenderest feelings of affection; one who listened to the music of his voice with delight; who watched his coming with anxious eye; whose ready ear distinguished the sound of his footsteps from among an hundred; who loved, promised, withdrawn before the nuptial hour gave him a right to pillow her throbbing head in his bosom, and died. Or the lone virgin designated by the unfeeling world as "an old maid," may mourn, in the depth of suppressed grief, a ruddy, youth of many brow and gallant bearing, whom the caverns of the ocean have entombed, or who, dead to his plighted faith, may have sought in the arms of wealth for that happiness which true love alone can impart. All are interested.

The self interests, as well as the sympathies, of all are concerned. The minister or the magistrate is required to perform the ceremony; the merchant to supply silks and satins, and the man-taemaker and tailor to make up the bridal dresses; the cabinet-maker and chair-maker to furnish the house; as well as the carpenter, the joiner, and the mason to build it. The doctor, the nurse, and the schoolmaster, the shoemaker, the victualler, and the poulticer, and the Lord knows who, are all necessary; and even the printer, who publishes the marriages, is useful in his way.

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KISSING THE BRIDE.

The following letter is from a bride to the Editor of a Massachusetts paper.

Sir—I herewith send a bit of wedding cake. I am in a bad humor, I assure you; which you know ought not to be, the very day one is married. It is not at my husband, though, dear good man he is. Oh! I was vexed beyond endurance last evening: That will practice! Would you believe it? An hundred and fifty kisses! of all sorts and sizes, fair and foul, from old and young, from male and female! Faugh! could any bride endure all that and preserve her temper? Such cargoes of snuff! such showers of tobacco spittle, such fumes of tobacco smoke! No poor soul covered with vermin was ever more drenched. If this fashion of the whole company kissing the bride must be followed, in the name of all that's decent, let old grand-daddies burn out their pipes before they offer to poke them under your very nose. And those whose throats are at best so many sepulchres, I would advise, before they go to a wedding, to fill their pockets with cloves, cinnamon, or coriander seed, and commence chewing at least an ouch before the marriage ceremony begins.

Only think of a poor creature standing up an hour and a half after the blessed knot was tied, only to be nozzled and slobbered over by all the masculine gender of the neighborhood! Only think of a delicate, modest female, standing like a target, the object of all the lipshots of a large corps of militia! and then I thought I should have dropped down with fatigue; I verily believe I used an ounce of hartshorn to keep me from fainting. But vexed as I was, Mr. Editor, I could not, to gain the whole world, help from laughing sometimes at the queer spectacle we all made. And you would have laughed too, if you had been there. Only imagine, if you please, the chief person of the group, me, Dorothy Daffodil, at the right hand of my dear spouse; and a crowd of men, like a swarm of flies round a cup of molasses, all pressing forward and making up their lips ready for a smack; and then one after another, poking their snouts into my very face, and me wiping my face every whisker to appear a little decent. But the most ludicrous part of the exhibition was to see a bashful fellow go thro' the manoeuvres. Like a shy trout venturing up to the bait—advancing a little, and then darting back among the reeds—you might behold the poor man with heart beating audibly, coming forward with a cautious step, stooping sometimes through fear, or slipping behind the friendly corporation of some broad backed fellow a little ahead. Having advanced within a yard or so, you might see him as if afraid his courage would fail by delay, dart forward from behind his shouter, snatch a kiss, and be off in the twinkling of an eye. But alas! ludicrous as it may appear, my poor cheek had to suffer in consequence of it, and even now bears the mark inflicted on it by Simon Snaggletooth.

Some of the old fellows must needs buzz me they said on both sides of my face—and some of them said my breath was as a rose in October, and others, that it was as fragrant as a load of new made hay. Some of the old fellows, with one foot in the grave, and the other on the brink, said they kissed my grandmother and my mother, and now I suppose they think they have capped the climax of gallant exploits by nozzling over me as though I was a mere baby. I puffed my poor husband, poor man, to be obliged to stand and look on as silly as a fool, and see his new married wife gaunt over. I believe in my soul he would have knocked down half a dozen of my persecutors, had he been left to the guidance of his own unadulterated feelings instead of being restrained by the rules of etiquette. But, Mr. Editor, after all my sufferings and vexations, here I am alive, and I pray heaven I never may be married again, till the custom of kissing the bride by wholesale is done away.

SELF-NOMINATION.

The following is part of an electioneering address from the Mobile Register. It will give the benefits which result from the old system of caucuses. The success of such self-nominated Candidats would soon plunge the country into irretrievable ruin.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.]

To the Settlers of Tuscaloosa County & town
The Settlers of Tuscaloosa has Solis-
tied my approbation to offer myself as a
Candidate for the next ensuing Elec-
tion for a seat in the house of Commons
as being a man acquainted with doing
business from Early life you are to
be informed at the age of sixteen years
old I was put on the master role and in

two weeks was made the first serjeant of the compeney to which I Belonged by vote of a Large majority and then went on to Rise by grade and as soon as I was twenty one was sent to new-
born to attend the General Corls there which did Business for ten counties where I served for fifteen years until the corls sistern was altered and then at-
tended the corls in the differant coun-
teys untell I Left Northcarolina; In
Eighteen hundred and four I was Elect-
ed a State Magistrate one of the gov-
erners Counsell where I served in that
Untill I Left Northcarolina and moved to the State of Tennessee then from there here to Tuscaloosa where I am now a sizezen for fifteen months and
Expacts to Remain the Rest of my days having the lot on which I Live my own and houses that hear is my home only
give me the Opportunities to display my tallant, only, give me your votes for once and then if I Cant please you then chose some other person But I pleased the people in Northcarolina and why not please you here in Alabama and in Tuscaloosa Remain your friend and well wisher untill death.

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